

## **ABSTRACT**

Drain and delivery line cleaning and maintaining compositions are provided for use in inhibiting the growth of microorganisms, to keep the drains free flowing and to prevent the need for removal of build-up that results from the formation of deposits produced by microorganisms, including acetic acid bacteria found in drains and delivery lines. Also provided are methods for cleaning and maintaining drains and delivery lines such as those such as those found in soda fountains, bars, beer brewery lines, and ice machines, in which sugar-rich and alcohol fermentation environments exist comprising administering an antimicrobially effective amount of the compositions of the present invention.

Additionally, processes are provided for delivering drain and delivery line cleaning and maintaining compositions utilizing aqueous forms of such organic acid cleaning compositions, which inhibit the growth of acetic acid bacteria.